**The Town Council of Winona Lake, Indiana met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. – some attending in person, others by Zoom (video conference).**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Swaim, Dennis Duncan, Heather James, Jim Lancaster,

Austin Reynolds

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (ZOOM):

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Allebach, Laurie Renier, Adam Turner, Aaron Carl, Joe Bumbaugh,

Tim Goshert, Holly Hummitch, and Kevin Gelbaugh

OTHERS PRESENT (ZOOM): Jaime R. Richardson, Attorney for Vacation

**Opening –** Heather opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Tribute to Robert L. “Bob” Wulliman**

* Craig paid tribute to former Fireman Bob Wulliman who passed away October 14, 2022.
* Bob was Fire Chief from 1976 to 1981 and was a volunteer fireman for 63 years.

**Approval of Minutes**

* Rick called for additions or corrections to the September 20, 2022, regular session minutes.

Motion to approve the September 20, 2022, regular minutes was made by Heather and Austin seconded. Hearing no additions/corrections, the minutes stand approved as presented.

**Approval of Claims**

* Approval for October 18, 2002, claims in the amount of $5,385,241.17 and the September 20, 2022, End of Month claims in the amount of $71,833.29 Jim moved to approve the claims as presented and Heather seconded. Motion passed.

**“Winona Happenings”**

October 22, 7:00 p.m. – Fall Choral Festival at Winona Lake Community Church.

October 29, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Trick-or-Treat on the Trails. At 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. S’mores. Storytelling, bonfire, and the movie “The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown at Dusk”.

October 31, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Trick or Treat.

November 4, 10:30 a.m. – Inauguration of Drew Flamm as President of Grace College (MOCC).

November 5, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Christmas Shopping Extravaganza in the Village.

November 18 - Miller Sunset Pavilion Ribbon Cutting.

November 19, Noon to 8:00 p.m. – Public Opening of the 2023 Ice Skating Season.

November 19, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. – Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Village.

**Resolution 2022-10-2 Police Reserve Appointments**

* The resolution appoints Michelson Courtois and Payton Stutzman as police reserves.
* Denny made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-10-2 Police Reserve Appointments and

Jim seconded. Motion passed.

**Swearing In of Police Reserves**

* Adam Turner swore in Michelson Courtois and Payton Stutzman as Police Reserves.
* Michelson Courtois is from Haiti, lives in Warsaw and wanted to serve the community.
* Payton Stutzman is currently a student at Grace College and wanted to serve the community.

**Plaque presentation**

* Officer Joe Bumbaugh was presented with a plaque in memory of his retired K9 Bron, that retired a few years ago and recently passed away.

**Ordinance 2022-9-1 Vacation**

* This Ordinance 2022-9-1 was tabled last month. The council re-opened the meeting for discussion on the vacation request. Ordinance 2022-9-1 is vacating an unimproved roadway, which was first read last month. Gladine McCall stated their property, which was listed as 1302, is actually 1301, and asked whether the Town would continue to maintain the culvert. Craig Allebach said that they would. Linda Unruh questioned where the property lines would be located in relation to the culvert. Adam Turner clarified that the existing easement for the culvert would continue but the land itself would belong to each party as it would be divided. It would be the public right-of-way to the land that would be terminated.
* Austin made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-9-1 Vacation and Jim seconded. Motion passed.

**Ordinance 2022-10-1 2023 Budget Adoption**

* Laurie said no changes were made since the last presentation. The change is an increase 8.46% from 2022.
* Dennis made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10-1 and Heather seconded. Motion passed.

**Petition to Appeal for an Increase above the Maximum Levy**

* Laurie stated the reason for the appeal for an increase is the growth of the town continues to increase and we need additional revenue to continue to provide the essential services necessary.
* Dennis made the motion to approve the appeal and Heather seconded. Motion passed.

**Travel Authorization**

* Rick stated the authorization would allow Craig, as the town manager, to attend AIM, Ideas Summit, December 2-4 in French Lick.
* Jim made the motion to approve the travel authorization and Heather seconded. Motion passed.

**Report from Town Engineer**

* Aaron reported he has been in Florida for 2 weeks, but several drainage projects are in the works. The water main is the biggest thing right now, trying to keep the costs down for the town. They have broken ground and have started the project.

**Report from Town Attorney**

* Adam reported he has been working on the closing of the ice rink/pavilion. Otherwise things have been pretty quiet.

**Reports from Supervisors**

* Street Dept./Tim Goshert –Leaf pickup will begin tomorrow. They will still be picking up brush on Mondays and Tuesdays and just a reminder- Please keep the brush and leaves separate and to keep them behind the curb.
* Park Dept./Holly Hummitch – Nothing to report. Funding for the park update- we were recommended by the State for a $500,000 grant. Kristy Maiers said the property is in a flood plain and so the permitting is in process and the engineers are working on their part. Trick or Treat on the Trails update- Holly said she has 15 committed partners and is hoping for at least 25. Groups will be staggered along the greenway for the trick or treaters and the movie and storytelling will take place at the park.
* Fire Dept./Kevin Gelbaugh– Have done 3 fire prevention programs for approximately 80 children over the past few weeks. There was a meeting to finalize some of the details on the truck purchase. A grant has been submitted for a new Gator with a med bed, which will be useful in transporting patients out of the trails. Requested permission to order the annual 3 sets of bunker gear budgeted for 2023 so that 2022 prices can be locked in. This same request was approved last year at this time, but the gear was just recently received because of supply being so far behind.
* Jim made the motion to approve placing the order for 3 sets of bunker gear under the 2023 budget to lock in pricing, and Denny seconded. Motion passed.

In addition, Kevin said the rear axel on the tanker needs to be replaced. Parts are being ordered and there are sufficient funds left in this year's budget to cover the expense.

* Police Dept./Joe Bumbaugh – Nothing to report.

**Floor Topics**

* David Phelps asked Craig for an update on the opening of Winona Avenue back into Warsaw. Craig said any updates he would give are subject to the availability of materials. He thought they would be changing the routes within the next week, but he was just informed of a concrete shortage, which will change some of the already anticipated projection dates. Craig said as things progress and changes are made, they will updated be on the website.

**Meeting adjourned –** Jim motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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